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## SHOULD BE LIQUIDATED.

MITCHELL PALMER, alien property custodian, is probing the affairs of three German-owned chemical companies in this country, the attorney general of New York being the chief prober. These concerns are worth millions, and their profits in normal times are very heavy. Just now they are enormous. American interests held 43 per cent of the stock prior to the war, but the Germans in control made haste to transfer 7 per cent of their holdings when it was seen the conflict was inevitable, and the chemical companies have been going along ever since ostensibly under the control of the American interests—German-American, most likely.

The 7 per cent of the stock was transferred at prices far below the real value of the shares, and Custodian Palmer is very naturally suspicious that the transaction was not bona fide and that the men on the Rhine are in reality in control of these valuable properties at this time. Whether his suspicions are warranted remains to be seen, but in any event the German interests in these and all other properties in the United States should be liquidated and the business placed in American hands for all time to come.

## WORK, NOT MONEY, IS WEALTH.

POSIBLY there is nothing else in the world so eagerly sought after and so little understood as money. The love of it has given birth to more crimes than all the drugs and narcotics which the combined ingenuity of nature and science has produced. A little thought enables one to discover that money is only the measure of wealth; yet it is so often used and misunderstood that the instrument is very apt to be confused with that which it measures.

Money has taken various forms through the ages. With one people it was clamshells. With another it was gold—and perhaps it will be gold again if strikes increase and the price continues to rise. In the Shasta county of northern California there are Indian communities where the head of a woodpecker has a value as a circulating medium.

Gold is the accepted standard of wealth of all modern civilized countries; but it is not universal; and it is not the quality but the quantity of gold that fixes its value. If a mountain of gold ore were to be discovered tomorrow its value as a circulating medium would decrease rapidly, but the wealth of the world would not be affected thereby. So long as a country is prosperous and its credit is unimpaired bits of paper bearing the government stamp may be worth ten thousand times their weight in gold.

Money is made by the government stamp; its value is fixed, however, not by the figures stamped on its face, but by the degree of solvency of the government by which it is issued. Money is the measure of the wealth of a state. The paper dollar in the United States is worth its face value in gold; while the Russian paper ruble is worth little more than the paper on which it is printed.

If money were wealth, in place of its measure, the possessor of a hundred thousand rubles could be able to live on the income of his capital, provided it were intelligently invested. Yet the real wealth of Russia has not been destroyed by the depreciation of the Russian ruble. There are fixed standards of wealth that money can neither increase nor diminish. In fact, if all the money in the world were to be destroyed, civilization would be inconceivably but not impoverished. It would matter little if the measure were discarded provided the wealth itself remained.

## REAP THE WHIRLWIND.

AVING SEEN in the winds, through the class favoritism, partisanship and socialism of the president, it seems that the American people are now about to reap the whirlwind. On the eve of the election in 1916 a portion of the organized employees of the railroads demanded an increase in compensation under threat of tying up the transportation systems of the country in the midst of a critical period in our history. President Wilson surrendered under such circumstances and invited a similar movement on the eve of the election of 1920. By numerous acts he has catered to the Bolshevik element in our population notably in his intercession in behalf of the Utah murderer Holstrom and the California convict, Mooney; both cases within state and beyond federal jurisdiction. Partisanship he pursued to the extent of avoiding Republican assistance until national extremity forced its acceptance. Socialists have found favor in appointments and their theories have been placed in practice whenever opportunity would permit.

The right of labor to organize and the right of labor to bargain collectively, no one will deny, but there is a vast and vital difference between collective bargaining and collective dictation. The manner in which the four railroad brotherhoods demanded an increase of wages in 1916 was not collective bargaining. There were no two sides to the discussion. There was not even allowed time for discussion. The nation was threatened with disaster of inconceivable extent unless the demands were met within a specified time, and the president's single track mind, forsaken by the boasted "fighting blood," yielded the dignity of the nation to the demonstration of power—surrendered the rights of all to the demands of a few.

If we are to have dictatorship by the heads of the four brotherhoods—if we must submit to each new demand when it is made and adjust all other business to the wishes of the one class—then the sooner we know it the better. Until such determination shall be reached, the country waits with anxious interest each new move made by the president and the only power to which he bends his knee.

They have just named the spot where Washington crossed the Delaware, but who shall honor the place where Wilson double-crossed the Chinese?

## AMERICA THE PACKHORSE.

IN HIS KEYNOTE speech in the senate defending the league of nations covenant, Senator Swanson declared that "without our concurrence and cordial co-operation the contemplated league of nations, is doomed to utter failure." And therein he probably spoke the truth. The nations of Europe depend upon the United States to carry the burden, to guarantee the national war debts, to pledge and supply armaments for settlement of European disputes, to permit a council of the league to settle our domestic policies wherever other nations are interested and to yield the Monroe doctrine to European interpretation. Without our cordial co-operation in establishing what Europe wants, the league would be of no interest to them, and, of course, it would be dropped.

We have reached that stage in an administration pledged to that "simplicity and economy befitting a democratic government" that a mere \$25,000,000 for aircraft, offered to a department which has already spent a billion dollars building planes and training fliers, is treated as too small change to be worth picking up.

Having a "single track" mind, President Wilson can see no error in his endeavor to send Henry Ford to the senate from Michigan. Ford also has a "single track" and a six-cent mind, according to the verdict of the jury that entertained his demand for a million dollars damages.

Milwaukee people are mailing sausage to their relatives in Germany. Under the Burleson system of swift mail delivery, by the time that sausage reaches its destination the Germans will think it another gas attack.

## AMUSEMENTS

## NORMA TALMADGE AT THE BUTLER THEATER TODAY

The attraction at the Butler today will be the beautiful and talented Norma Talmadge in one of her very best productions, "The Secret of the Storm Country." Tess, Miss Talmadge, born in the storm country, has secretly married Frederick Graves, divinely student. Frederick tells her he must leave her with her secret, because he has been forced into a marriage of convenience by his mother. Her father dies and the church tries to force from her the secret of her baby's parentage.

Frederick, married to Madeline, returns after several years and Tess upbraids him as a coward and sends him away. Waldersticker's child is seized by the witch of Squattertown and imprisoned, but is rescued by Tess who takes her back to the Waldersticker home. Added to this will be a Mutt and Jeff comedy and a Ford Educational Weekly.

Tomorrow, Evelyn Nesbit in "Woman, Woman."

On Wednesday, John M. Cuddy, one of the famous "wheelbarrow kids," and winner of the last oratorical contest at Reno, in a novel vaudeville.

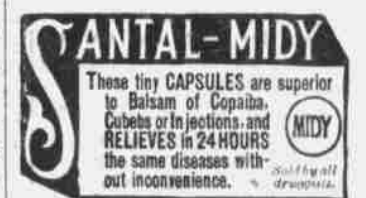


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## BOWLERS WILL ENGAGE IN TELEGRAPHIC CONTEST

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—A telegraph bowling tournament under the direction of the Pacific Coast Bowling association to precede the 1920 tournament which will be held in connection with the bowlers' convention at Oakland, Calif., is being arranged by W. T. Tupper, of San Diego, Calif., secretary of the association.

The first telegraph tourney, in which bowlers will compete on regulation alleys in their home towns, will start October 1 and three others will follow at intervals of two months, according to present plans. Cash prizes are to be awarded, those covering the expenses of the winning teams to the coast tourney at Oakland. The territory of the winning teams to the coast tourney at Oakland. The territory from Denver west is included in the association's jurisdiction.

When a man finds an ant on the roof of a skyscraper he can't help wondering how the insect got there and whether it feels lonesome or not.

One of the packing companies wants to know if we have ever had a Swift dollar. We had one once, but it went so swift for bacon that we were never even able to see a trail left by the change.

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JOHN D. GRANT,  
Chief of Police.

The high cost of living and the league covenant seem to be both world wide problems and it might be well to try and settle them together.

Hard-boiled Smith may be a bad egg, but those who say he is a pervert and not a vertebrate do him wrong. Maybe he is 275 per cent goat.

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